

**Creation of new railway zone at Salem**

534. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for creating a new railway zone with Salem as its Headquarters;
- (b) if so, the details of areas the new zone would comprise;
- (c) whether the present areas under Palakkad railway division would be shifted to the new zone;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether Government have assessed the revenue loss to Palakkad division in the future after its bifurcation; and
- (f) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As per earnings of Palghat Division from April 06 to January 07 revenue from the proposed jurisdictional portion of Palghat Division is 56.5% and that from the proposed jurisdiction of Salem Division is only 43.5% of total earnings.

**Garib Rath**

535. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:  
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have introduced Garib Raths for the poor people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) how it would be beneficial to the poor persons;